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In compliance with the rule, Applicant has included a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,149,918 attached to Japanese publication No. 63-24786, which is an equivalent of Japanese publication No. 63-24786 and is believed to be a direct English translation thereof.

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